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EVEN THOUGH MOST IMPORTANT MILITARY BRIEFINGS MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED IN DHAHRAN, EMBASSY FEELS THAT A STOP IN RIYADH FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH COE' S DISTRICT ENGINEER COL WILLIAM DURHAM OR HIS DEPUTY WOULD MAKE A WORTHWHILE CONTRIBUTION TO COL MUNDY' S OVER- ALL ORIENTATION TO SAUDI ARABIA. COL MUNDY WOULD NO DOUBT NOTE GREAT CHANGES IN THE CAPITAL SINCE ANY PREVIOUS VISIT AS A FAS STUDENT; FORMER ISOLATION FROM FOREIGN INFLUENCES IS BREAKING DOWN AND RIYADH' S POSITION AS REAL CENTER OF COUNTRY IS GROWING EACH YEAR. FLIGHTS TO RIYADH AND JIDDA ARE EASILY ARRANGED FROM DHAHRAN AND FINAL DECISION ON EXACT ARRIVAL DATE IN JIDDA CAN BE MADE AFTER IN DHAHRAN AND CONSULTATION WITH USMTM AND COE RIYADH. USE OF ONE OR TWO DAYS IN RIYADH FROM TIME NOW ALLOCATED FOR JIDDA WOULD STILL ALLOW AMPLE TIME FOR EMBASSY BRIEFINGS.
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